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September 3, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re:

CC Docket No. 96-45

Section 254(e) Self-Certification of

West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached hereto is a sworn affidavit of West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc., certifying that West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. is in compliance with the requirements of Section 254 (e) and the requirements established by the Commission in *In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256, Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45 and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256 (FCC 01-157) (released May 23, 2001) ("Order") and codified at 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

A copy of this Certification is also being filed this day with the Universal Service Administrative Company at its Washington, D.C., offices.

Please acknowledge receipt on the duplicate "stamp and return" document attached for this purpose and return it to the Company in the enclosed self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope and addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Trevor R. Bonnstetter

CEO

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Ms. Irene Flannery, Universal Service Administrative Company

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Certification of West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Trevor R. Bonnstetter, CEO of West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc. do hereby certify under penalties of perjury that:

- 1. My name is Trevor R. Bonnstetter. I am employed by West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative in the position of CEO. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by the Cooperative and how the Cooperative uses these funds.
- 2. West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative was designated as an (ETC) eligible telecommunications carrier by the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 360 by order dated November 26, 1997.
- 3. The Company is a "rural telephone company" as defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(37);
- 4. The Federal Universal Service funds the Cooperative receives during the upcoming year will be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254 (e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act. This funds will be used to provide the following supported services, as outlined in 47CFR 54.10 (a), which are available to any customer in the Cooperative's service area: single-party voice grade access to the public switched network, unlimited local usage, dual tone multi frequency signaling or its functional equivalent, access to emergency services, including 9-1-1 service, access to operator services, access to interexchange service and access to directory assistance and toll limitation for qualifying low income customers.
- 5. West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative follows Federal Communications Commission Part 32 accounting requirements for regulate local exchange carriers and Part 36 separations provisions used to determine high cost support amounts. As a regulated utility, West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative's accounting and separations procedures are subject to periodic National Exchange Carrier Association and Kentucky Public Service Commission reviews.
- 6. While continuing to receive amounts of Federal Universal Service support as described and using this support for the purpose as described, West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative does not anticipate increasing local rates nor withdrawing any services; therefore, the comparability of rates and service between the rural areas served by West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative will nor be changed because of any action on part of West Kentucky Rural Telephone Cooperative.

The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

Signature: <a>CPrint Name:

Trevor R. Bonnstetter

Date: September 3, 2004

Title:

CEO

State of Kentucky, County of Graves

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary in and for the State of Kentucky, on this day personally appeared <u>Trevor R. Bonnstetter</u>, known to me to be the Declarant, who, being duly sworn, executed the foregoing instrument.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of September, 2004.

My Commission expires <u>03-04-06</u>

Davida Gridgs
Notary Public

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